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REMARKS

Claims 14 and 17 have been allowed. Claims 2-6, 13, 18 and 19 have been amended to depend on allowed claim 17, and claims 8-12 and 16 have been amended to depend on allowed claim 14. Applicant has also amended the preamble of the claims.

Claims 4, 5, 10 and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. The Examiner states that the claims contain subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to make and/or use the invention. The Examiner states that there is no description of how to co-extrude the seal and the cable harness or how to mold the seal over the cable harness. Applicant respectfully disagrees. Co-extruding a seal and a cable harness is within the knowledge of one skilled in the art. Additionally, one skilled in the art would understand how to mold a seal over a cable harness. Therefore, the claims are enabling.

Claims 1-13, 15, 16 and 19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Takeuchi et al. Claim 1 has been cancelled, and claims 2-6, 8-13, 16 and 19 have been amended to depend on allowed claim 17. The rejection is overcome.

Claim 18 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Takeuchi et al. in view of Seeberger et al. Claim 18 has been amended to depend on allowed claim 17. The rejection has been overcome.

Thus, claims 2-6 and 8-19 are in condition for allowance. No additional fees are seen to be required. If any additional fees are due, however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1482, in the name of Carlson, Gaskey & Olds, P.C., for any additional fees or credit the account for any overpayment. Therefore, favorable reconsideration and allowance of this application is respectfully requested.

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